

May 22, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H.B. 111:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 77-9-249, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED UPON A MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR WHO FAILS TO BE OBEDIENT TO CERTAIN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AT RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000; 5:27 AM)

**H.B. 133:** AN ACT TO REENACT AND AMEND SECTION 25-9-115, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:30 AM)

**H.B. 146:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 55-13-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT PERMITTED FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:31 AM)

**H.B. 245:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-19-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON FORESTRY ARSON INVESTIGATORS AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED INVESTIGATORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000; 5:32 AM)

**H.B. 250:** AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 43-14-1 THROUGH 43-14-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISH THE CHILDREN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROGRAM OF SERVICES AND CARE FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 43-14-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN DATES RELATING TO THE PILOT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 43-14-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER; TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE CARE AND PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE JUVENILE HEALTH RECOVERY PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE COORDINATION OF NECESSARY MULTIPLE SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:33 AM)

**H.B. 258:** AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 25-3-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES ALL STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID ON A

DELAYED BASIS TWICE PER MONTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.  
(May 20, 2000; 6:40 AM)

**H.B. 259:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-3-401, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER FOR THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS AND FOR CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THIS STATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.  
(May 20, 2000; 5:34 AM)

**H.B. 417:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE FILING DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:37 AM)

**H.B. 419:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ISSUE A STANDARD LICENSE TO TEACH IN PUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS TO PERSONS HOLDING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE WITH CHILD DEVELOPMENT EMPHASIS FROM A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO EXTEND THE LICENSES OF CERTAIN EDUCATORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A MASTER'S, SPECIALIST OR DOCTORATE DEGREE IN ORDER TO AFFORD SUCH EDUCATORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.  
(May 20, 2000; 5:38 AM)

**H.B. 551:** AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN STATE OFFICE BUILDINGS EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:39 AM)

**H.B. 564:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE SIMPLE AND AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNDER THE ASSAULT STATUTE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.  
(May 20, 2000; 5:40 AM)

**H.B. 565:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE OFFENSE OF STALKING AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:41 AM)

**H.B. 566:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE WARRANTLESS ARRESTS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:42 AM)

**H.B. 570:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 99-3-1 AND 99-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PERMIT PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY A COURT TO SUPERVISE OR MONITOR OFFENDERS UNDER A HOUSE ARREST PROGRAM TO ARREST OFFENDERS WHO ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THE HOUSE ARREST PROGRAM UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:44 AM)

**H.B. 587:** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WALNUT, MISSISSIPPI, TO OPERATE ITS NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF WALNUT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.  
(May 20, 2000; 5:45 AM)

**H.B. 643:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 73-25-14 AND 73-27-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ANY PHYSICIAN,

OSTEOPATH OR PODIATRIST PRACTICING IN THE STATE WHOSE LICENSE HAS LAPSED AND WHO IS DEEMED TO BE AN ILLEGAL PRACTITIONER TO PETITION THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF HIS LICENSE ON A RETROACTIVE BASIS, IF THE PRACTITIONER WAS UNABLE TO MEET THE LICENSE RENEWAL DEADLINE DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY OR OTHER LEGITIMATE REASONS; TO PROVIDE THAT RETROACTIVE REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE SHALL BE GRANTED OR MAY BE DENIED FOR GOOD CAUSE; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY SUCH PRACTITIONER WHO IS NOT PRACTICING IN THE STATE WHOSE LICENSE HAS LAPSED MAY BE REINSTATED BY THE BOARD UPON PAYMENT OF THE ARREARAGES FOR THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS, RATHER THAN ALL ARREARAGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:46 AM)

**H.B. 673:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN AGENCIES, REGARDING THE STATE SEAFOOD SANITATION PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:47 AM)

**H.B. 722:** AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE LOCATION OF STRIP CLUBS WITHIN ONE-FOURTH MILE OF A CHURCH, SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN OR COURTHOUSE; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:48 AM)

**H.B. 776:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-7-301 AND 37-9-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS AND SCHOOL BOARDS TO SUSPEND, EXPEL OR CHANGE THE PLACEMENT OF PUPILS FOR CONDUCT THAT RENDERS A PUPIL'S PRESENCE IN THE CLASSROOM DETRIMENTAL TO THE SCHOOL'S EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OR THE BEST INTEREST OF A CLASS AS A WHOLE, AND TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BOARDS TO OBTAIN TWO APPRAISALS BEFORE PURCHASING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-92, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE REFERRAL OF SUCH PUPILS TO AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:49 AM)

**H.B. 838:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROJECTS FOR WHICH A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 6:41 AM)

**H.B. 848:** AN ACT RELATING TO THE MISSISSIPPI DENTAL PRACTICE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO FURTHER DEFINE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ANNUAL BALLOTING PROCESS FOR LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT FOR LICENSED DENTISTS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR A DENTAL OR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE BY EXAMINATION WHEN APPLICANTS ARE GRADUATES FROM UNACCREDITED SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-24, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE CRITERIA FOR AN

APPLICANT TO QUALIFY FOR A DENTAL OR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE BASED ON CREDENTIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY AUTHORITY OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS TO SET THE DATE AND TIME TO ADMINISTER LICENSE EXAMINATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THOSE ACTS BY UNLICENSED PERSONS WHICH ARE PROHIBITED AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS TO CONDUCT HEARINGS AND LEVY FINES IN CASES OF UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL FEE FOR DENTISTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THOSE FEES MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT A PROGRAM TO AID IMPAIRED LICENSEES; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH A DENTAL OR DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE MAY BE DENIED, REVOKED, SUSPENDED OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN; TO AMEND SECTION 73-9-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES USED WHEN INITIATING DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD AND TO GRANT CERTAIN SUBPOENA POWERS; TO CODIFY THE MISSISSIPPI DISABLED DENTIST LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY THAT LICENSES HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SHALL PROMULGATE OR ENFORCE ANY RULE OR REGULATION AFFECTING THE PRACTICE OF ITS LICENSEES THAT DOES NOT APPLY EQUALLY TO THE PRACTICE OF ALL OF ITS LICENSEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:50 AM)

**H.B. 878:** AN ACT TO REQUIRE VEHICLE IMPOUNDMENT, IMMOBILIZATION OR USE OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM IN DUI CONVICTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE USE OF SUCH DEVICES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-11-23 AND 63-11-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF AN OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, LIGHT WINE OR BEER CONTAINER OR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, LIGHT WINE OR BEER, WITHIN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:26 AM)

**H.B. 880:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-313, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PRECURSORS; TO REVISE THE LIST OF PRECURSORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:51 AM)

**H.B. 887:** AN ACT TO RESTORE THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE TO JAMES G. BANANA OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. (May 20, 2000; 5:52 AM)

**H.B. 897:** AN ACT TO DELETE A CERTAIN SECTION OF HIGHWAY IN CLAY COUNTY FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; TO REMOVE IT FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:53 AM)

**H.B. 921:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-411, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT THAT IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE DRIVER MUST MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS TO THE LOCAL

POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

(May 20, 2000; 5:55 AM)

**H.B. 932:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-319, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE (911) CALLS AND RECORDINGS THEREOF BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL; TO MAKE NONIDENTIFYING RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:56 AM)

**H.B. 968:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO USE FEDERAL FUNDS TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS AND TO DELETE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH TIME-LIMITED POSITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-53-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO HAVE AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC ENTITY BEFORE JULY 1, 1993, WHO IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC ENTITY ON JULY 1, 2000, SHALL BE ISSUED A LICENSE AS A SOCIAL WORKER IF THE PERSON APPLIES FOR THE LICENSE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2000; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:57 AM)

**H.B. 1031:** AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR EQUIPMENT USED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (May 20, 2000; 5:58 AM)

Respectfully submitted,

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